

# Catechism students walk to expanded class area

An expanded St. Joseph's Catechism program has added a walk-to-class service and has moved to larger quarters at Mother Lode Christian School.

The Monday classes now serve 24 kindergarten through 8th graders.

Mary Leamy, program director, reports she and Deacon Joe Gomes now walk with students from the P.M. Club at Summerville Elementary. That allows the students to be on time for an opening snack at 3:30.

All students then meet in a multi-purpose room to discuss the previous Sunday's gospel, then move to separate rooms for study under direction of Judy Mier (kindergarten and first grade), Sara Ingalls and Deacon Joe (first confession class), Mary Jo Rafferty and Martha Golay (first communion class) and Mary Leamy (older students).

The large turnout of students was one factor in prompting a move to larger quarters. Mary said the difficulties of conducting four sections of students in the church hall was another factor. There was no place to be creative, she said, without interfering with another group's studies.



## Coming events

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY and Father John's birthday will be observed on Sunday, Feb 16, with Mass and a potluck in the church hall. Tom Harrington and John Yuskiw, who share a Feb. 15 birth date with Father John, will share in the celebration.

DONATIONS OF CANDY are requested for another community event — the Tuolumne Halloween Parade — on Oct. 31. St. Joseph's will pass out candy at a Trick or Treat booth. Candy can be delivered to Mary Ann Whitt at any time before Halloween.

### **PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

*Almighty God, in your wisdom and love  
You chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary,  
the Mother of your Son.*

*As we enjoy his protection on earth  
May we have the help of his prayers in heaven.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen*